



**Official
Programme**

Kick Off 3.00pm

50p



Saturday, 22nd October, 1988

LIVERPOOL ST. HELENS

v

GLOUCESTER

Today's Match Sponsor:

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A Warm Welcome to Gloucester



Today we play our fourth league fixture and are very pleased to welcome Gloucester who are making their first visit to Moss Lane. They are above us in the league having won two games, against Wasps and Moseley but lost to Bath in what next months Rugby World and Post called the "Wild West Showdown". They bring with them a very strong side but have lost their hooker Kevin Dunn to the England 'B' team which is playing against Australia at Sale this afternoon. We of course, have two players in the English 'B' side, Dewi Morris and Dave Cusani, we wish them well but also wish that the R.F.U. could have organised the game on a Non League Saturday. We are also without John O'Driscoll who is on Provincial duty in Ireland playing for Connaught.

Today's referee is Mr. L. Prideaux of the Cornwall Society. Mr. Prideaux must be tired of the M5-M6-A580 run having officiated at the Lancashire v Durham County game at Blundellsands last Saturday. He has been unwell for most of the early games of the season and we are pleased that he has recovered and is able to make his first visit to Moss Lane. Laurie Prideaux is Chairman of Cambourne Rugby Club where, in the late 1970's your editor was almost rucked and mauled to death while playing for Launceston seconds. Has Cornish rugby changed or are three-quarters still superfluous to the game?

Whitbread Player of the Month . . . Dewi Morris

Dewi Morris has won the votes for the first Whitbread Player of the Month for the new season — and is eighth in all — after a superb start to the season. Dewi is a sturdy scrum-half (6 foot tall, weighing 13½ stone) and was born in Crickhowell near Ebbw Vale, so he has dual Welsh and English qualifications. He went to Brecon High School and whilst there played for his school, Brecon Town, Gwent Schools and Mid-Wales Youth, he continued his education at Crewe and Alsager College, for whom he played, whilst he also joined Warrington Park, helping them to promotion to Area League North. Whilst there, he played



county rugby for Cheshire at Under-21 'B' and full county level. He has made a tremendous start to the season with his debut for Lancashire's full county XV and a star appearance for the North XV which thrashed an International XV recently at Gateshead and is playing for England 'B' today.

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15	A. ASKEW	15
14	B. HANAVAN	14
13	M. DAVIES	13
12	B. WELLENS (Captain)	12
11	J. SHINWELL	11
10	A. SIMPSON	10
9	G. JONES	9
1	C. KING	1
2	K. RABBITT	2
3	A. EDWARDS	3
4	W. PUGH	4
5	T. SWAN	5
6	A. MCGOWAN	6
7	P. BUCKTON	7
8	G. HUGHES	8
16	R. HOGG	16
17	G. FRENCH	17



Next Home Game:

1st XV vs ROUNDHAY

Saturday 29th October 1988 2.30pm Kick Off

Today's Officials:

REFEREE: Mr. L. Prideaux (Cornwall Society)

LSH TOUCH JUDGE: Mr. J. Harvey

Cover Photograph: L.S.H. debutant Paul Hamer evades Leicester's Cusworth and Gerald.

15	T. SMITH	15
14	N. PRICE	14
13	D. CUMMINS	13
12	R. McLEAN	12
11	R. MOGG	11
10	M. HAMLIN	10
9	M. HANNAFORD	9
1	M. PREEDY	1
2	G. MANN	2
3	R. PASCALL	3
4	N. SCRIVENS	4
5	J. ETHERIDGE	5
6	J. GADD	6
7	I. SMITH	7
8	M. TEAGUE	8
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All Our Yesterdays

Bingley, Scurfield show way

GLOUCESTER 16,
LIVERPOOL 20.
 LIVERPOOL were blessed with some excellent opportunist work by left wing Harry Bingley and skipper Peter Scurfield in their first encounter with Gloucester.

Coupled with fast and competent team work the visitors were almost always in command except perhaps in the final 15 minutes when Gloucester fought hard to overtake and equal their record of 32 wins in a season set up last year.

The home team's revival was neither strong enough nor soon enough although they scored half their points in the last quarter.

Liverpool full back Bill Capener was in fine kicking form, in contrast to his opposite number Eric Stephens who went astray with five penalty chances, although he did kick two and converted Gloucesters' two tries by Bob Clewes and Mike Potter.

Capener landed three penalties and converted a try by Bingley who ran more than half the field to score. Liverpool's remaining points came through a drop goal by Scurfield and an unconverted try by Mike Beese.

GLOUCESTER Cherry & White		LIVERPOOL Red, Black & Blue	
Full Back		Full Back	
15.	P. Webb	† 15.	M. Slamen
Three Quarters		Three Quarters	
14.	D. Morgan	14.	M. Killen
*§	13. R. Mogg	*	13. A. Askew (Capt.)
*	12. P. Taylor	*	12. P. Melia
	11. J. Breeze	*	11. N. Heslop
Half Backs		Half Backs	
10.	M. Hamlin	*	10. I. Jeffrey
*§	9. S. Baker		9. G. Jones
Forwards		Forwards	
*†	1. G. Sargent (Capt.)	1.	G. Chubb
*†	2. S. Mills	2.	T. Melia
*†	3. P. Blakeway	3.	D. O'Brien
*†	4. J. Fidler	4.	M. Hale
*	5. J. Orwin	5.	P. Rushton
*§	6. J. Gadd	*	6. P. Buckton
	7. D. Spencer	*	7. T. G. Morris
*§	8. M. Teague		8. J. Hescott
REPLACEMENTS		REPLACEMENTS	
	R. Pinnell		M. Calver
	G. Mann		M. Stevenson

Referee: P. KINGHAM (London Society)

† International § Under 23 International • County

Left:

We have found a Newspaper report of the first ever game between our two clubs. This match was played at the end of the 1969-1970 Season.

Top:

Here is the teamsheet from the Gloucester programme of 25th February 1984. Tosh Askew, Taff Jones and Peter Buckton from LSH are playing today while Gloucester have Richard Mogg, Mick Hamlin, John Gadd, Mike Teague and G. Mann here at Moss Lane.

A visit to Kingsholm

by *B.G.Cragg*



This is the place where the rugby folk of Gloucester go to worship. I visited the shrine last season, it was certainly homely and I think I met one of their kings – “Digger” Morris. He welcomed us, entertained us, told us about his club and left us with the distinct impression that L.S.H. were not going to win that afternoon at Kingsholm. He was right but only just.

Top class rugby is increasingly competitive, the quest for points, rules and the commercial side of the game is important. However, the game will retain its uniqueness as long as characters like “Digger” are around.

He warned our touch judge about adjudicating on the popular side with his back to the crowd. It nearly paralysed Saints v Wigan on Good Friday, but not quite. He warned us about the ferocity of the forward play at Kingsholm. I hope we didn't tire their pack too much by daring to take the ball into the open parts of their field rarely visited by the heavy mob. He warned us about visiting their sports club after the game dressed in blazer and club tie, very much a case of into the lions den for visiting officials. At about 7.00 p.m. we ventured forth on a tide of beer to visit this den. The debate was noisy, the language colourful but it was also good hearted. They certainly knew a thing or two about forward play but didn't appear to be too certain of what to do with the ball after the pack had won it, except for the good old up and under with the intent to remove the full back from the field of play. Good clean fun and nothing too complicated, incidentally “Tosh” survived the afternoon and also visited parts of Kingsholm where fresh grass was still growing.

Larger than life personalities colour the atmosphere within a club. Nowadays we hear a lot about player transfer. How about swapping our David Boulton for your

“Digger” Morris. Would either club survive the shock? In comparison to Gloucester L.S.H. is still the adolescent but we are learning. Let us hope that today's game will contribute to the learning process but maybe after the game you will find we know a thing or two about being hospitable – a home win would help.

Dave Cusani



Congratulations to Dave Cusani who this afternoon lines up alongside Dewi Morris in the England 'B' team against the Australian tourists.

